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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Dear Mr. *Dax* Kolaz:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has reviewed the Chicago ozone Post-1999 Rate of Progress (ROP) Plan and attainment demonstration submitted on December 26, 2000, to determine the adequacy of the mobile source emissions budgets, pursuant to section 93.118(e)(4) of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93, Subpart A).

The conformity rule identifies limited technical and administrative criteria that must be used in determining adequacy of submitted State Implementation Plan (SIP) budgets for transportation conformity purposes. We have determined that the Chicago ozone Post-1999 ROP Plan and attainment demonstration contain adequate mobile source emissions budgets. The Post-1999 ROP plan has volatile organic compound (VOC) budgets for the years 2002 and 2005. The attainment demonstration has budgets for both VOCs and NOx for the 2007 attainment year. The attainment demonstration is a revision and update to the previously submitted ozone attainment demonstration and the adequate budgets replace the adequate budgets in the previous submittal. In addition, Illinois has committed to revise the budgets that account for Tier II reductions within two years after the release of MOBILE 6.

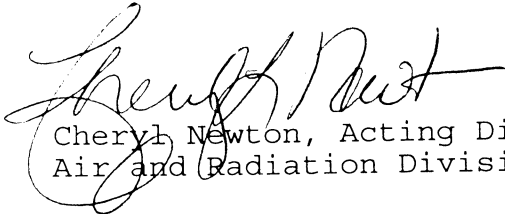
This letter finds adequate the submitted 2002 and 2005 motor vehicle emissions budgets for VOC of 183.4 tons per day and 163.4 tons per day respectively and the 2007 budgets of 293.92 tons per day for NOx and 154.91 tons per day for VOC. These budgets have met the standard requirements that any budget must meet before it can be used to determine conformity for a transportation improvement program or long range plan. This adequacy finding does not relate to the merits of the SIP submittals nor does it indicate whether the submittals meet the USEPA's requirements for

approval of a Rate of Progress Plan or attainment demonstration.

The USEPA opened a comment period on both the Post-1999 ROP and attainment demonstration SIP's adequacy by posting it to our web site on January 9, 2001. The web address is [www.epa.gov/oms/transp/conform/adequacy.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oms/transp/conform/adequacy.htm). The comment period closed on February 9, 2001, and no comments were received. In addition, the USEPA reviewed all the comments made to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on the Chicago Rate of Progress Plan and attainment demonstration. The IEPA received comments at the public hearing on November 8, 2001, and in response to those comments, changed the calculation of the mobile source budget.

More information on SIPs and adequacy reviews is also available on the USEPA web site. It is expected that the USEPA will soon publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing this adequacy finding. If you have questions, please feel free to call me or Patricia Morris, of my staff, at (312) 353-8656.

Sincerely yours,



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